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Dear Interested Party:

The Tahoe National Forest (TNF) has accepted an application from AT&T for the installation of underground fiber optic cable within the Highway 49/89 road prism between Sattley and Sierra City on the Yuba River and Sierraville Ranger Districts in Sierra County, California. The cable is planned to span 18.67 miles from start to finish, with approximately 11 miles on National Forest System lands managed by the TNF.

This project will improve broadband communications capacity in the area and will be a part of the First Responder Network Authority's service to public safety agencies nationwide. This project is also part of California's Broadband Initiative and is partially funded by the Federal Communication's *Connect America Fund*.

The TNF is cooperating with California Department of Transportation on the environmental review and project permitting requirements. This project is anticipated to be approved within the next month by a Decision Memo for a Categorical Exclusion meeting the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act. Construction on this project is expected to take up to two years and could start as soon as May 2020.

For additional information, please visit the project page on the TNF website located here: <https://www.fs.usda.gov/projects/tahoe/landmanagement/projects>. If you have questions or comments concerning this action, you may contact, Laura Blakemore at (530) 265-4531 or laura.blakemore@usda.gov.

Sincerely,

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